

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2956 - SB 3232

March 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a statewide public location curfew from 12:00 midnight until 5:00 a.m. for persons under 18 years of age not accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult exercising care and custody of the child. Current law provides for several exceptions that may apply and makes curfew applicable only upon the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by 2/3 vote of the appropriate local legislative body, which is not included in this bill. Procedures for law enforcement and juvenile courts remain the same. A child in violation of the curfew law may be found *unruly* and the penalty for the parent/guardian is a fine of not more than \$50, which is the same as current law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes a substantial increase in the number of children charged in juvenile court with this unruly offense that will require additional juvenile court resources. Fines levied and collected from parents/guardians are estimated to be not significant.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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